

Appl. No. 10/606,098
Atty. Docket No. AA594
Amdt. dated January 10, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 14, 2005
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of a disposable absorbent article comprising a barrier leg cuff disposed adjacent to a longitudinal side edge of the absorbent article wherein, before use of the absorbent article, the elasticized outer leg cuff is folded laterally inwardly onto the inner surface of the absorbent article such that the top gasket cuff surface faces upwardly and said barrier leg cuff is located between said elasticized leg cuff and the inner surface of the absorbent article.

This amendment is supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed (See *inter alia* Figs. 14 and 15).

Rejection Under 35 USC §102 Over U.S. Patent No. 6,142,985

Claims 1-10 remain rejected for reasons of record at paragraph 1 of the Final Office Action dated November 14, 2005.

Applicant submits that claim 1 has been amended and now include the features of a disposable absorbent article comprising a barrier leg cuff disposed adjacent to a longitudinal side edge of the absorbent article wherein, before use of the absorbent article, the elasticized outer leg cuff is folded laterally inwardly onto the inner surface of the absorbent article such that the top gasket cuff surface faces upwardly and said barrier leg cuff is located between said elasticized leg cuff and the inner surface of the absorbent article.

It is Applicant's position that this amendment overcomes the rejections of claims 1-10.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the previous amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore requested.

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If the next action is other than to allow the claims, the favor of an Advisory
Action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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